

Animals of Hot Lands

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Camel

The camel is a sandy brown color. The camel's neck is long and curved. It has a hump on its back. Its feet are large and padded. It walks easily on its long legs. Camels live in hot, dry lands.

They can store food in their hump. They can live for days without eating or drinking. Camels can go on long journeys.



Crocodile

The crocodile never stops growing. The crocodile has long, powerful jaws. Its skin is covered with bony plates. It has sharp and dangerous teeth. Baby crocodiles hatch from eggs. Crocodiles live near tropical rivers. Crocodiles can lie very still. They wait for animals to come to the river. They grab other animals by the legs. They eat their food underwater.



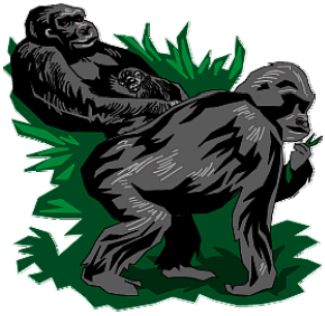
Elephant

The elephant is the biggest land animal. The elephant's tusks are made of ivory. Its skin is gray and wrinkly. It has a long, bendy trunk. Baby elephants have to learn to use their trunk.



Giraffe

The giraffe is the tallest of all animals. The giraffe has very long legs. It has a very long neck. Baby giraffes stand up as soon as they are born. It has brown patches on its skin. Giraffes eat leaves and shoots. They live in dry places near trees. They can reach twigs with their long tongue. Giraffes sleep standing up.



Gorilla

The gorilla is the largest ape. The gorilla has long arms and short legs. It has black skin and black hair. It walks on its feet and knuckles. As it gets older, its hair turns gray. Gorillas live in the rainforests. Gorillas travel around in groups. They eat leaves, stems, and fruit. They beat their chests to scare off enemies. They are very strong but also shy and gentle.



Hippopotamus

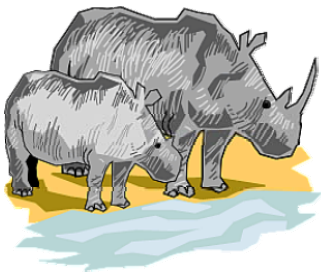
The hippopotamus is one of the heaviest animals. The hippopotamus has a huge mouth. It has very short legs. Its small eyes and ears are on top of its head. The mother has just one baby at a time. Hippopotamuses bathe in mud. Hippos spend the daytime in the river. In the evening, they eat grass and plants. Only their eyes and ears show above the water. Some people call them 'river horses'.



Lion

The lion is a very large cat. The lion has very sharp teeth. It has strong claws. Baby lions are carried by the scruff of the neck. It can move fast and pounce. Lions live in groups called prides.

Female lions do most of the hunting. They usually hunt at twilight. A lion's roar can be heard miles away. They eat antelopes and zebras.



Rhinoceros

The rhinoceros is one of the largest animals. The rhinoceros has a tough, leathery hide. It has two horns on its nose. Its legs are short and thick. A baby rhinoceros lives alone with its mother. Rhinoceroses eat grasses and ground plants. Rhinoceroses usually live alone. They like to wallow in muddy pools. They have good hearing but cannot see well. Mud baths keep them cool.



Tiger

The tiger is the biggest of all cats. The tiger's coat is orange and black. It has huge front paws. Its body is strong and agile. Baby tigers are helpless when they are born. Tigers live in grasslands and swampy forests and swampy forests. They stalk other animals to kill and eat. They hunt alone at night. Tigers love water and are good swimmers. They kill their prey by biting its neck.



Zebra

The zebra is a horse with black and white stripes. It can run faster than a lion. Each zebra has a different coat. It can see, smell, and hear very well. Baby zebras are called foals. Zebras live on open grasslands. Zebras are hunted by lions and people. They eat the tips of the grass. They are always alert and ready to run. They live together in herds.